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EMD Disaster Update

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SEMA's Tornado Website

The link to the situations reports, press releases, FEMA information, and IA and PA program guides for the recent severe weather is: http://sema.dps.mo.gov/SevereStormsMarch2006.htm

37 Counties Declared for Federal Disaster Assistance

The following 30 Counties have been declared for Individual Assistance:

Benton, Boone, Carroll, Cass, Cedar, Cooper, Greene, Henry, Hickory, Iron, Johnson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Mississippi, Morgan, New Madrid, Newton, Perry, Pettis, Phelps, Putnam, Randolph, Saline, Scott, St. Clair, Ste. Genevieve, Taney, Vernon, Webster and Wright.

The following 6 Counties have been declared for Individual and Public Assistance Emergency Protective Measures and Debris Removal only:

Bates, Christian, Howard, Jefferson, Monroe, and Montgomery.

The following County has been declared for Public Assistance Emergency Protective Measures and Debris Removal only:

Washington

The Governor has requested the following Counties to be added for Public Assistance ALL Categories:

Benton, Bollinger, Boone, Carroll, Cedar, Davies, Greene, Henry, Hickory, Iron, Johnson, Lawrence, Morgan, Perry, Pettis, Putnam, Randolph, Ray, Saline, St. Clair, Vernon, Webster, and Wright. He is asking Bates, Christian, Howard, Monroe, Montgomery and Washington be expanded to all categories.

Additional FEMA/SEMA Joint Damage Assessments:

Individual Assistance and Public Assistance in Crawford County Public Assistance in Lawrence and Vernon Counties

Citizens Must Call 1-800-621-FEMA For Federal Assistance

On Thursday, March 16, a Presidential Disaster Declaration was approved for nine counties for Individual Assistance and seven counties for Public Assistance. Individuals in the declared counties are urged to call the FEMA Assistance hotline: **1-800-621-3362** (**1-800-621-FEMA**) or **1-800-462-7585** (TTY) between the hours of 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., seven days a week.

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Disaster Recovery Centers

Four FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers were opened to provide face-to-face information for citizens who suffered damages. While citizens are encouraged to register before going to the mobile center, citizens may also register via the 800 number at the centers. The centers will be opened Sunday noon-6 p.m., Monday – Saturday 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. until further notice.

- Sedalia (Pettis County) at the Missouri National Guard Armory on the Missouri State Fairgrounds (2001 Clarendon Road);
- **Paris, (Monroe County) at the library, 101 N. Main Street will close April 1
- Nixa (Christian County) at the Community Center, 701 N Taylor Way. (New Location).
- Perryville (Perry County) at 406 North Spring Street.

DRCs are planned for Monroe City (Monroe County) and Putnam County.

Tornado Assistance Number Will Close Friday, March 31

The Missouri Tornado Donations Line (866-254-0140) will officially close at 5 p.m., March 31. As of Tuesday March 28, the call center fielded 285 calls: 161 requesting assistance, 70 offering donations, 40 volunteers and 14 other.

SEMA Area Coordinators Work on Catastrophic Planning

SEMA's multi-talented and dedicated Area Coordinators continue to work on a Catastrophic (Earthquake) Response Annex to the State Emergency Operations Plan in addition to working on the March 11-13 Tornado Response. The Area Coordinators have been instrumental in damage assessments, and working in the Disaster Recovery Centers. Next time you see your hardworking Area Coordinator, give him or her a pat on the back.

MEPA/SEMA Spring Conference

The MEPA/SEMA Conference is April 16-19 at Osage Beach. Topnotch speakers and workshops will be offered, as well as a chance to network among peers. There will be an exhibitor hall.